



North Tyneside Council

Economic Prosperity Sub Committee

17 June 2019

Tuesday, 25 June 2019 Room 0.01, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, NE27 0BY commencing at **6.00 pm**.

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1. Apologies for Absence	
To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.	
2. Appointment of Substitute Members	
To be notified of the appointment of any Substitute Members.	
3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations	
You are invited to declare any registerable and/or nonregisterable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.	
You are also invited to disclose any dispensation in relation to any registerable interests that have been granted to you in respect of any matters appearing on the agenda.	
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4. Minutes	
To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 March 2019.	
5. Work Programme 2019/20	1 - 6
To consider the formulation of the sub-committee's work programme for the year ahead.	

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Members of the Economic Prosperity Sub Committee

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Councillor Janet Hunter (Chair)
Councillor Karen Lee
Councillor John Stirling
Councillor Joan Walker (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Matt Wilson

Meeting: Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee

Date: 25 June 2019

Title: Work Programme 2019/20

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the sub-committee to consider the formulation of its work programme 2019/20.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The sub-committee is recommended to formulate and agree a work programme for 2019/20 and identify any further topics relevant to the remit of the sub-committee that could be included in the work programme.

3. Details

- 3.1 The sub-committee are invited to give consideration to determining its work programme for the year ahead. In doing so members may wish to take into account the following factors.
- 3.2 The sub-committee is one of a number of overview and scrutiny sub-committees. The role of overview and scrutiny is described in the Council's Constitution as follows:
"Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development involves councillors of all political parties, as leaders of their communities, examining the delivery of services and influencing decision makers to ensure that they meet the needs, and improve the lives, of people in North Tyneside.
It does this by:
- a) reviewing and challenging the impact of decisions and actions taken by the Elected Mayor, Cabinet and partner organisations;
 - b) carrying out investigations into services and policy areas of interest and concern to communities in North Tyneside;
 - c) involving communities in its work and reflecting their views and concerns; and
 - d) supporting and assisting the Elected Mayor, Cabinet and partner organisations in the formulation of their future plans, strategies and their decision making by making evidence based recommendations to them on how services can be improved."

- 3.3 The Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee has responsibility to perform these roles in relation to the following areas:
- Economic Development
 - Planning
 - Business and Enterprise
 - Transport Network
 - Highways and Road Safety
 - Town Centres
 - Inward Investment
 - Tourism
- 3.4 To ensure that the work programme is effective it is suggested that when evaluating topics for inclusion in the work programme the following criteria should be considered:
- Is it timely?
 - Will it duplicate any other work ongoing within the Council or the North of Tyne Combined Authority scrutiny work programme?
 - Will it add value/contribute to policy development?
- 3.5 The sub-committee has the option of establishing sub-groups (of around 4/5 members) to carry out in-depth investigations. The sub-groups operate in a more informal way and can consult with a wide range of witnesses in various settings, often over a shorter period of time. When dealing with a specific topic, this focused way of working is often more productive than trying to achieve the same in a formal committee setting. Whilst more than one topic can be prioritised across the municipal year, only one sub-group can be established at any one time due to resourcing restraints. As yet a topic has yet to be identified for in-depth investigation by a sub-group.
- 3.6 The 2018/19 work programme is attached. This sets out the areas of work examined during the past 12 months and may assist members in identifying topics for the year ahead. The Head of Regeneration and Economic Development has also agreed to attend this evening's meeting to put forward suggestions and provide advice to the sub-committee on the formulation of its work programme.
- 3.7 The sub-committee are invited to raise any others topics relevant to the remit of the sub-committee that they think should be included in the work programme. Additional topics raised will be scheduled accordingly in consultation with the Chair and the Deputy Chair.

4. Appendices

Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee work programme 2018/19

5. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author:

- Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee minutes and work programme 2018/19

Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee Work Programme 2018/19

Chair: Councillor Janet Hunter

Deputy Chair: Councillor Joan Walker

DSO: Michael Robson

Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead Officer	Outcome/Issues
26 June 2018	Room 4.01		
Work programme 2018/19	To determine the sub-committee's work programme for the year ahead. Items already identified by Members and officers will be presented, with the opportunity for the sub-committee to raise any additional topics for potential consideration.	Michael Robson	Work programme agreed and the future of town centres identified as a possible topic for in depth investigation.
Business Support Sub-Group Page	To review implementation of the action agreed by Cabinet on 12 June 2017 in response to the sub-committee's report and recommendations relating to Business Support. Councillor B Pickard to be invited to attend.	Sean Collier	Progress noted.
11 September 2018			
Apprenticeships	To receive an update on apprenticeships when the Apprenticeship Levy and other government reforms have been operational for some time to evaluate its effect in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the number of apprenticeships in North Tyneside; b) the outcomes in terms of young people entering employment and gaining qualifications; and c) the social mobility. To include a short introduction to the Apprenticeship Levy for new members of the sub-committee. To be preceded by a visit to a local employer to talk to employers and apprentices about their experiences. Councillor P Earley to be invited to attend.	Mark Barrett	The sub-committee visited Accenture Technology Centre to learn about Accenture's operations and apprenticeship programme and spoke directly with apprentices. The apprenticeship reforms, the local response to them and their effect on numbers of apprenticeships (decline) were examined. The sub-committee to continue to monitor outcomes.

13 November 2018			
Highways Asset Management Plan – Annual Report	a) To examine the annual report presented to Cabinet setting out delivery of the HAMP over the past 12 months and the plans for the coming 12 months and b) Give particular consideration to the impact of significant investment on the highway network at <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the Coast Road/Beach Road; ii. Norham Road, iii. Holystone Roundabout; and iv. North Bank of the Tyne in terms of reducing congestion and supporting economic development and inward investment.	Colin McDonald Mark Newlands Nick Bryan	The sub-committee examined both the HAMP Annual Report and the Highway Network Strategy. The sub-committee made a recommendation to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport asking him to review the sustainability of the HAMP.
15 January 2019 at 4.00pm In Room 2.27			
	Meeting cancelled and items deferred until March.		
26 March 2019			
North of Tyne Development A	To examine the North of Tyne Combined Authority's Vision and work programme to consider how the £600m of extra money will benefit the economy of North Tyneside and how decisions of the Authority will be scrutinised.	Paul Hanson & Jackie Laughton	The sub-committee received an overview of the Combined Authority's vision and emerging work programmes and considered their likely impact on the economy in North Tyneside.

Items to be scheduled			
100% Business Rate Retention	To revisit the topic when more detailed proposals are known. Given the broad implications of the proposals on the overall financial management of the authority any work might be undertaken in conjunction with the Finance Sub-Committee. (Overview of proposals presented in March 2017.)	Janice Gillespie	Nothing yet to report (Oct 2017).

100% Business Rate Retention	To examine the outcomes from the pilot business rate retention schemes.	Janice Gillespie	
Parking on Pavements	To examine any proposals from the Government to introduce new legislation to strengthen the Council's powers to enforce parking on pavements and consider how this might be implemented in North Tyneside.	Andy Flynn	
The Tyne & Wear Bus Strategy	To examine the Bus Strategy.	John Cram Nick Bryan	Public Consultation on both strategies was expected early 2018 but delayed.
North East Transport Strategy	To examine and comment on the draft Transport Strategy.	Andy Flynn	Update to be sought on timescales and Councillor C Johnson to be notified of sub-committee's wish to contribute to any response from the Council to any future consultations.
Visits to local businesses	To provide the sub-committee with a better understanding of the economy in North Tyneside, to provide an insight into the types of issues faced by large employers and help shape the sub-committee's work programme. Potential visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sterling Pharma Solutions, Dudley b) LEDA Transport Solutions, Killingworth – North Tyneside New Business of the Year Award Winner 2017 c) Gastech, Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system manufacturer and installer – North Tyneside Business of the Year Award Winner 2017 d) Kykcloud, on the Royal Quays provide asset management and mobile building inspection software and was acquired by Texas company Accruent in 2017. e) Elfab manufacture pressure relief systems on West Chirton Ind Est. They were identified as one to watch in the European Business Awards. 	Sean Collier	

Skills Shortages	To examine whether any progress has been made by the Council in gaining a better understanding of skills shortages in the borough.	Craig Anderson	Options not yet formulated (Aug 2018).
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In-depth investigation

Name of sub-group	Membership	Brief outline of scope and timescale	Lead officers	Progress
Retail and Town Centres	Councillors S Graham J Harrison J Hunter F Lott J O'Shea W Samuel	If the Council were to regenerate its town and retail centres, how could it develop sustainable retail models in the light of the growth of online shopping?	Sean Collier Graeme Sword	Sub Group appointed 11 Sept 2018. Report and recommendations to be reported to sub-committee in September.